

4. (withdrawn) The impact tool according to claim 3, further comprising:
said polymeric material being MINLON.
5. (withdrawn) The impact tool according to claim 2, further comprising:
at least one cap for securing said shaped polymeric material, said at least one cap
being comprised of a spall-inhibiting material having an aperture exposing said impact
end area.
6. (withdrawn) The impact tool according to claim 5, further comprising:
said shaped polymeric material being selected from the group of polymeric
materials reinforced by fiber or mineral.
7. (withdrawn) The impact tool according to claim 6, further comprising:
said polymeric material being MINLON.
8. (withdrawn) The impact tool according to claim 5, further comprising:
said spall-inhibiting material being selected from the group of ATAPRENE, HYTRIL,
DELRIN, NYLON, POLYPROPYLENE, or DACRON.
9. (withdrawn) The impact tool according to claim 8, further comprising:
said shaped polymeric material being selected from the group of polymeric
materials reinforced by fiber or mineral.
10. (withdrawn) The impact tool according to claim 9, further comprising:
said polymeric material being MINLON.
11. (withdrawn) The impact tool according to claim 5, further comprising:
Said at least one cap being at least partially surrounded by a grip, said grip also
partially encasing said shaft.
12. (withdrawn) The impact tool according to claim 11, further comprising:

said shaped polymeric material being selected from the group of polymeric materials reinforced by fiber or mineral.

13. (withdrawn) The impact tool according to claim 12, further comprising:
said polymeric material being MINLON.

14. (withdrawn) The impact tool according to claim 11, further comprising:
said spall-inhibiting material being selected from the group of ATAPRENE, HYTRIL, DELRIN, NYLON, POLYPROPYLENE, or DACRON.

15. (withdrawn) The impact tool according to claim 14, further comprising:
said shaped polymeric material being selected from the group of polymeric materials reinforced by fiber or mineral.

16. (withdrawn) The impact tool according to claim 15, further comprising:
said polymeric material being MINLON.

17. The impact tool according to claim 11, said grip having a flange for hand protection.

18. (withdrawn) The impact tool according to claim 17, further comprising:
said shaped polymeric material being selected from the group of polymeric materials reinforced by fiber or mineral.

19. (withdrawn) The impact tool according to claim 18, further comprising:
said polymeric material being MINLON.

20. (withdrawn) The impact tool according to claim 17, further comprising:
said spall-inhibiting material being selected from the group of ATAPRENE, HYTRIL, DELRIN, NYLON, POLYPROPYLENE, or DACRON.

21. (withdrawn) The impact tool according to claim 20, further comprising: